IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA **COLUMBUS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case No.: 4:20-CR-00036-CDL-MSH-1

VINCENT MASI

ORDER ON MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Defendant *Vincent Masi* has moved the Court to continue the trial term of his case, presently scheduled for September, 2021. The Government does not oppose this motion. Defendant was arraigned on January 19, 2021. Additional time is needed to conduct pretrial investigation and to enter into plea negotiations between the defendant and government if warranted. The Court finds that it is in the interests of justice to allow the parties to complete pretrial investigation and to explore possible plea negotiations and that these interests outweigh the interest of Defendant and the public in a speedy trial. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel reasonable time for effective preparation and could result in a miscarriage of justice. Accordingly, Defendant's Motion for Continuance [Doc. 27] is **GRANTED**, and it is hereby ordered that this case shall be continued until the Court's January 2022 trial calendar. The delay occasioned by this continuance shall be deemed excludable pursuant to the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. Section 3161.

It is SO ORDERED, this 20th day of July 2021.

S/Clay D. Land

HONORABLE CLAY D. LAND UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT